PARADIGM SHIFT WITH RTI –Changing the way we talk about students

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| I need to teach lesson 6 in reading but many of my students did not pass their theme test | Our data indicates our students did not master the comprehension strategies from last week’s lessons. We will have to re-teach these strategies |
| This kid has moved 7 times and his parents are abusive | What can we do during the school day to improve this student’s academic performance? |
| I do not like direct instruction | What kind of instructional strategies best fits the needs of our students and does the data show these strategies are effective? |
| I don’t have enough time or resources to teach all my kids effectively | Let’s call the problem solving team to see what resources our school has to meet the needs of our students |
| According to state CRT scores most of my students are doing just fine | 70% of our students are reading at benchmark levels. What can we do to improve reading outcomes for the other 30% of our students? |
| I think this child has a learning problem | How can we improve our instruction, modify our schedule and/or increase instructional time to help students not making adequate progress? |
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